

School Commencement

Good morning my dear teachers and students. I'm Mr. Ho. Welcome back to the big family of PLHKS!

The summer vacation has passed – I'm sad to say. I do hope that you have made good use of your summer break and have had a good time. And I hope that you are now refreshed, fit and ready to face the challenges of the coming year.

At this point in time - the beginning of the school year - I would like to brief you on the school's progress. In terms of the development cycle, this is the 3rd year - that is, the final year of the development cycle. The 3 major concerns are:

Major Concern 1: Growing and learning together in God's love

Major Concern 2: Providing care and promoting values education

Major Concern 3: Developing creative thinking skills through innovative learning and teaching practices

As regards Major Concern 1 - to grow and learn together in God's love - well, it is the most important matter as it is related to the meaning of life. I very much encourage everyone to get to know God, to know the love of God and to grow together in HIS love. I truly believe that, with God's love and with everyone loving and caring for others, our campus will be a better place.

For Major Concern 2 - providing care and promoting values education - this year we'll continue promoting positive values such as PERMA (that is, positive emotions, engagement, positive relationships, meaning and achievement). We would encourage everyone to think and act positively. Always keep in mind that God will be with us if we invite HIM to walk with us. And, while it is unavoidable to face difficulties in life, there are always more solutions than difficulties.

For Major Concern 3 - developing creative thinking skills - we would like to cultivate students' creative thinking skills through stimulating learning tasks as well as intelligent curriculum design such as the Arts Edu and STEAM curricula. Despite the many advantages brought about by AI, I maintain that one's own ability to think creatively and adapt to changing circumstances is indispensable. Furthermore, through the application of critical thinking skills in the learning process, students can learn in a more pleasurable way - in line with the school's mission and vision statement.

What is our school theme this year?

It is, With FAITH, we dream (懷著信 · 成就夢想).

As you can see, it is very much like the theme of the last school year, “with love, we can”. The two themes/topics are actually part of a series and inter-connected with each other.

In brief, with God’s love, and love from others, we come to value ourselves more and have a more correct and better self-image. As such, we will have more self-confidence and believe that we can achieve our goals. In other words, we start to have FAITH in ourselves. And with that confidence coming from within, we dare to dream and dare to make great efforts to pursue our dreams. And one day, hopefully, our dreams will come true!

Apart from having FAITH in yourselves, if you could open yourselves up and put your FAITH in GOD, you will enjoy an entirely different life as you will not be alone; God will be with you.

Later on, I will share some thoughts on the new school theme based on insights I have gained from various life experiences.

At this moment, please keep the following in mind: believe that with the benefit of one additional year of learning and being one year wiser, you will be able to do better this academic year than you did in every previous year.

In addition, please believe in your teachers and classmates. If you need help, try to express your needs and seek help from those you trust. I am sure we teachers and most of your schoolmates are kind and ready to lend a hand. Of course, you can also seek help from God. HE is always there. He will watch over you day and night, and provide you with love, shelter and guidance. Let’s bow our heads now to pray to him.

Let’s pray.

Dear Heavenly Father, thanks for your love and kindness. Thanks for being our source of help. Let us trust in your words. It says in the Bible, “Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.” Dear Holy Spirit, whenever we are afraid to fail, or afraid of something unknown, remind us that God will be with us and give us enough strength to get through the difficulties. We don’t have to do everything ourselves. Instead, we can seek help from the people we trust. We pray in Jesus’ name. Amen!